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1. BEGIN LOU: THE AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE (AFSC) HAS BEEN CONDUCTING A LOW-LEVEL CAMPAIGN IN THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS AIMED AT LIBERALIZING THE PRESENT POLICY REGARDING PROVISION OF ASSISTANCE TO NORTH AND SOUTH VIET-NAM.

2. A MAJOR ISSUE IN THE CAMPAIGN HAS BEEN THE APPARENT INCONSISTENCY OF U.S. POLICY IN THIS REGARD. IN JULY 1973 THE US GRANTED LICENSES TO THE FRIENDS TO SHIP AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING ROTOTILLERS, FISHNETS AND WORKSHOPS TO NORTH VIET-NAM AND THE PRG. LICENSES FOR THESE SAME ITEMS WERE REFUSED IN JULY 1975, BRINGING CRIES  
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OF "VINDICTIVENESS" AND THREATS TO GO AHEAD WITHOUT

AUTHORIZATION FROM THE FRIENDS.

3. CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS BEFORE THE BINGHAM SUBCOMMITTEE ON INT'L TRADE AND COMMERCE WERE HELD ON THE HUMANITARIAN AID ISSUE ON SEPTEMBER 9. DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY MILLER TESTIFIED AT THAT TIME THAT THE DECISION TO GRANT

LICENSES IN 1973 WAS MADE IN THE SPIRIT OF THE PARIS ACCORDS WITH THE INTENTION OF CREATING A CLIMATE IN WHICH THE ACCORDS COULD WORK, EVEN THOUGH THE ITEMS WERE NOT STRICKLY HUMANITARIAN IN NATURE (SEE LANGUAGE BELOW). IN 1975 NO SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES COMPELLED A SIMILAR EXCEPTION FROM OUR TRADITIONAL DEFINITION OF HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE.

4. UNDER OUR GENERAL POLICY OF AUTHORIZING SHIPMENTS OF HUMANITARIAN AID ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS, THE USG HAS AUTHORIZED AID SHIPMENTS VALUED IN EXCESS OF DOLS 3 MILLION. THE BULK OF THIS HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED IN RECENT MONTHS, WITH THE MAJOR PROVIDER BEING THE AFSC FOLLOWED BY THE MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE. (END LOU)

5. THE FOLLOWING IS STANDARD LANGUAGE ON THIS GENERAL ISSUE AND MAY BE USED BY EMBASSY SPOKESMEN.

6. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: IT IS UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT POLICY TO AUTHORIZE THE PROVISION OF STRICTLY HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO NORTH AND SOUTH VIET-NAM BY PRIVATE U.S. ORGANIZATIONS ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS. ON THE OTHER HAND, PRIVATE SHIPMENTS OF AID WHICH ARE ESSENTIALLY ECONOMIC OR DEVELOPMENTAL IN CHARACTER HAVE NOT BEEN LICENSES AS A MATTER OF POLICY.

7. THE PROVISION OF PRIVATE AMERICAN AID, LIKE ALL TRANSACTIONS WITH VIET-NAM, IS REGULATED BY THE DEPARTMENTS OF TREASURY AND/OR COMMERCE, AND MUST BE LICENSEED IN ADVANCE BY EITHER OR BOTH OF THESE DEPARTMENTS AFTER CONSULTATIONS WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

8. IN HIS TESTIMONY BEFORE THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SUBCOMMITTEE ON SEPTEMBER 9, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROBERT H. MILLER DEFINED HUMANITARIAN AID AS "LIMITED TO ITEMS TRADITIONALLY CONSIDERED TO BE OF HUMANITARIAN CHARACTER, SUCH AS MEDICAL SUPPLIES, DRUGS, FOOD, SCHOOL EQUIPMENT AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES." THE GOVERNMENT HAS APPROVED LICENSE APPLICATIONS FOR THE PROVISION OF OVER DOLS 3 MILLION WORTH OF ASSISTANCE OF THIS HUMANITARIAN CHARACTER IN RECENT YEARS TO VIET-NAM. LICENSE APPLICA-

TIONS FOR SUCH ITEMS AS MACHINERY AND AGRICULTURAL AND  
FISHING EQUIPMENT HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED, SINCE THESE  
ITEMS FALL WITHIN THE CATEGORY OF ECONOMIC AID.

9. WE APPRECIATE THE POSITION OF THOSE PRIVATE ORGANIZA-  
TIONS WISHING TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO VIET-NAM. WE WILL  
OF COURSE CONTINUE TO GIVE PROMPT AND CONSIDERED

ATTENTION, WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE ABOVE POLICY, TO  
REQUESTS SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT IN THIS REGARD. KISSINGER

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